

three decades he enlarged his holdings there to almost 1,100 acres, 795 acres of which he patented into "Bellemont" in 1817. In 1815 he bought 542 acres in Anne Arundel County as a gift for his daughter Catherine Crabb and her husband. The Crabbs deeded 235 acres of this property back to Chase in 1824. From at least 1789 until his death, Chase lived in the "elegant" house of *Matthias Hammond* (1740–1786) in Annapolis. He rented the house and its 4 accompanying lots until he purchased the property in 1811. Chase also bought 2 Annapolis lots in 1795 and had a one-third interest in a 15-acre tract within that city, 1815–1822. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on May 11, 1828, in Annapolis. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$20,754.19 current money (including 9 slaves, 530 oz. plate, 144 law titles and other books at his Annapolis residence, and 38 shares valued at \$100 per share in the Bank of Columbia); FB, \$1,468.92, insufficient to pay debts and legacies. **LAND:** at least 21 acres in Baltimore County and 12 lots on Whetstone Point, Baltimore City, plus a one-third interest in 2 lots in Baltimore City. Probably 1,700 acres in Anne Arundel County, plus at least 6 lots in Annapolis, plus a mortgage on 1,000 acres in Caroline County owned by Richard Loockerman.

CHASE, SAMUEL (1741–1811). BORN: on April 17, 1741, at his mother's home near Princess Anne, Somerset County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Baltimore County, 1745–1759; Annapolis, 1759–ca. 1786; as state agent for the recovery of Maryland bank stock, Chase lived in London, England, from September 1783 until August 1784; in Baltimore City in his house at the corner of Eutaw and Lexington streets, ca. 1786 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Rev. Thomas Chase (ca. 1703–1779), born in England, educated at St. John's and Sidney Sussex colleges, Cambridge University. Immigrated to the West Indies to practice medicine. Returned to England and was ordained as an Anglican priest in February 1739. Immigrated in 1739 to become rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset County, from May 1739 to February 1744/45. Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, from 1745 to 1779. MOTHER: Matilda (?–by 1744), daughter of Thomas Walker (?–1744), of Somerset County, a planter and innkeeper, and wife Sarah Maddox. STEPMOTHER: Ann (?–1772), daughter of Thomas Birch, surgeon and male midwife of England. **HALF BROTHERS:** Thomas (ca. 1765–1773); George; Russell Birch; and Richard. **HALF SISTERS:** Anne; Elizabeth. **FIRST COUSIN:** *Jeremiah*

Chase (?–1755). **OTHER KINSHIP:** his second cousin was *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828). **MARRIED** first, on May 2, 1762, Ann (?–1776), daughter of Thomas Baldwin, Gent., (?–1762), of Anne Arundel County, who died soon after his imprisonment for debt, and wife Agnes. Her sisters were Hester (?–1823), who married *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828); Rebecca. **MARRIED** second, in 1784 Hannah Kitty Giles (?–1848). **CHILDREN.** SONS: Thomas (1764–1765); Samuel (1773–1841); and Thomas (1774–1826), who married in 1816 Matilda (ca. 1786–1829), daughter of *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828). **DAUGHTERS:** Matilda (1763–?), who married in 1787 Henry Ridgely (1753–1811), lawyer and judge; Nancy (1768–1770); Fanny (1770–1771); Ann (Nancy) (1771–1852); Elizabeth (after 1784–?), who married first, George Dugan, and second, (first name unknown) Cole; and Mary (after 1784–?), who married in 1808 William B. Barney. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Chase was guardian to his young half brothers and half sisters after his father's death. His move to Baltimore County in 1786 was said to have been caused by the need for greater income to support his family. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** received a classical education from his father; studied law in Annapolis under *John Hall* (1729–1797). **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County and St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County. Delegate to diocesan convention, 1794, 1801. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., 1769; Gent., 1779; member of the Forensic Club, Annapolis, 1761, expelled in 1762 for "extremely irregular and indecent" behavior. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** in 1790 *Alexander Contee Hanson* (1749–1806) said "that vile as Chase has been held by most of the better kind of his fellow citizens, he has been the mover of almost every thing this state has to boast of—Strange, inconsistent man!" Late in life, Chase wrote "A Course of Law and Literary Study," a five-year course of training for his law students. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Annapolis Mayor's Court in 1761; Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, and Prince George's counties in 1763; Provincial Court in 1765; Chancery Court by 1768; Charles County in 1772. Chase was involved with *Allen Quynn* (ca. 1726–1803) and others in a saltworks on the West River, Anne Arundel County, 1777–1778. Quynn was a close associate with Chase in several ventures and handled Chase's business affairs when he was away from Annapolis in the 1770s and 1780s. Partner with *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790) in the mercantile firm of John Dorsey & Co. from May 1778